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1. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (2 sheets) citing twenty-five (25) documents AA1-AK1, AR1-AT1, AA2-AH2 and AR2-AT2;
3. A copy of each of the twenty-five (25) cited documents AA1-AK1, AR1-AT1, AA2-AH2 and AR2-AT2;
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5. One (1) return postcard.

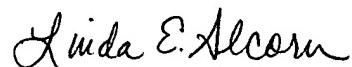
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